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A Message from the U.S. Attorney

I am not, by nature, a person who dwells on the past, preferring to focus on the tasks and challenges that lie ahead. But there are points in one's life which require reflection. As I approach the end of my term as United States Attorney, this is such a point.

The only thing that is constant in this world is change. Change is inevitable. As I prepare to move from public service and return to private practice, I am reminded of the words of the Greek general and philosopher Pericles, who said, "What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

While I am not certain how much of me is left woven into the lives of the persons I have touched during my tenure, I am certain that the lives of those who have touched me will be forever woven into my life. I have been changed by people from all walks of life from across our district and beyond . . . people I would not have met but for the position I was privileged to hold for the past several years. I've talked with Supreme Court Justices and Attorney Generals and with people who literally live on the street. I've shared conversations with people who hold high office and with some who live each day in fear of violence or death.

I have been touched by those who know the personal agony of losing a child in a senseless act of violence.

I am grateful for all of these people who have touched my life. I am better for having known them. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to work side by side with the incredibly brave men and women who risk their lives daily to protect us . . . the underpaid and over-worked members of law enforcement. My respect for police officers has always been high, but having had a chance to get to know them well and to watch what they do up close, I stand in awe of their dedication and bravery. It has been an honor to serve with them.

Whatever success I have achieved in this position I owe to the men and women who work in the office of the United States Attorney in this district. The success is theirs. Few people get the chance to associate with people of the high caliber and integrity of those who work in this office, both the Assistant United States Attorneys and the amazing people who support them in their mission. To all of them, I say thank you.

A. Courtney Cox

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June 24, 2010: Anti-Terrorism Coordinator AUSA Liam Coonan, Intelligence Specialist Mario Jimenez, and Law Enforcement Coordinator (LEC) Ronald Shownes attended "Right Wing Domestic Hate Groups in Illinois" training at the Four Points in Fairview Heights, Illinois. The program was sponsored by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute at Western University.



June 28, 2010: AUSA Deirdre Durborow, Intelligence Specialist Mario Jimenez, Legal Intern Andrea Patton, and LEC Ronald Shownes attended a Secure Communities Program at the Clinton County Sheriff's Department with law enforcement agencies from Washington, Clinton, and Bond Counties in Illinois.

 * Operation Secure Communities is an initiative that brings together the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and state, tribal, and local
 * law enforcement agencies in a comprehensive strategy to improve and modernize efforts to identify and remove criminal aliens from the United States.

June 30, 2010: AUSA Amanda Robertson, Intelligence Specialist Mario Jimenez, and LEC Ronald Shownes attended a Secure Communities Program at the Carbondale Community Center with the law enforcement agencies from Jackson, Jefferson, and Franklin Counties in Illinois.



Clinton County Sheriff's Department



Carbondale Community Center

July 7, 2010: LEC Shownes coordinated two presentations for Cheryl Compton, the Interim Executive Director for Call for HELP, Inc. The first presentation was to the Madison County Chief's Association at the Edwardsville's Police Department, followed by a presentation at the St. Clair County Investigative Professionals' Association held at the Fairview Heights Police Department. Call for HELP, Inc. provides programs to assist with suicide and crisis counseling, information and referral services, sexual assault victims care unit, clinical services for the mentally ill, and transitional living centers for homeless young women and children. It is located at 9400 Lebanon Road in St. Clair County, Illinois, and can be reached by phone at (618) 397-0968.

July 12-15, 2010: U.S. Attorney A. Courtney Cox, Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Coordinator AUSA Suzanne Garrison, LEC Ron Shownes, and numerous law enforcement agents working in the Metro East area attended the National PSN Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana.



There were over 750 members of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in attendance at the National Conference.



While at the conference, members from Southern Illinois met with the PSN National Coordinator from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA). Pictured from left to right are: Suzanne Garrison AUSA and PSN District Coordinator; Sgt. Daniel Stockett St. Clair County Sheriff's Department; Gretchen Shappert PSN National Coordinator; United States Attorney A. Courtney Cox; Officer J. Hunter, Working Against Violent Environments (WAVE) Team; M/Sgt. Joe Beliveau, ISP WAVE Team; Deputy Carroll Rinehart, WAVE Team; and, Agent Nick Manns, FBI WAVE Team. Photo taken by LEC Ronald Shownes.

James A. Lewis Named U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois

July 23, 2010: U.S. Attorney Cox and LEC Shownes attended the Administration of the Oath of Office to the Honorable James A. Lewis as the United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois by the Honorable Michael P. McCuskey, Chief United States District Judge, at the Old State Capital Hall of Representatives, in Springfield, Illinois. U.S. Attorney Lewis has



Chief Judge Michael P. McCuskey (right) administers the Oath of Office to U.S. Attorney James A. Lewis (left).

been an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of Illinois since 1983. He was the Civil Chief from 1983 to 2002 and from 2005 to 2010. U.S. Attorney Lewis worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1986, 1988, and again in 1990. From 1977 until 1983, he worked as a trial attorney for the Torts Branch in the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. Prior to that, U.S. Attorney Lewis was the Director of Clinical Education and an assistant professor at the North Carolina Central University School of Law from 1976 until 1977. From 1974 until 1976, he was the Director of Clinical Education, this time at the Duke University School of Law. In 1974, U.S. Attorney Lewis was a trial attorney for the Durham Legal Aid Office. From 1972 until 1973, he was a founding attorney for the Mississippi Prison Project. From 1970 until 1971, U.S. Attorney Lewis was Executive Director of the North Mississippi Rural Legal Services where he had been on the Board of Directors. Prior to that, from 1969 until 1970, U.S. Attorney Lewis served as general counsel to the Board of Directors for the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi. In 1969, he was an adjunct professor at Tougaloo College, and from 1966 until 1970, he had been a staff attorney for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee. U.S. Attorney Lewis graduated from Yale University in 1962, the University of Chicago School of Law in 1966, and the Duke University School of Law in 1976.



U.S. Attorney Cox (right) attends the Oath of Office administration for U.S. Attorney Lewis (left) in Springfield, Illinois.

Former U.S. Attorneys for the Southern District of Illinois



Pictured from the top: James R. Burgess, Jr., 7/1977 –3/1982; Frederick J. Hess, 4/1982-6/1993; Clifford J. Proud, 6/1993-11/1993; W. Charles Grace, 12/1993-1/2002; Robert J. Cleary, 1/2002-5/2002; Laura J. Jones, 5/2002-8/2002; Miriam F. Miquelon-Weismann, 8/2002-9/2003; Richard E. Byrne, 9/2003-11/2003; Ronald J. Tempas, 11/2003-11/2005; Edward E. McNally, 11/2005-3/2006; Randy G. Massey, 3/2006-11/2007; and A. Courtney Cox, 11/2007-present.

COSTS OF INCARCERATION AND SUPERVISION

The chart below reflects the fiscal year 2010 costs of supervision by probation and pretrial services officers as compared to the costs of incarceration and pretrial detention. The costs of supervision were calculated using the current work measurement formula, probation/pretrial services officer salaries, law enforcement account obligations, and miscellaneous operating expenses.

Pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 5E1.2(d)(7) and 18 U.S.C. § 3572(a)(6), the court shall, when determining whether to impose a fine and the amount, time for payment, and method of payment, consider the expected costs to the government of any imprisonment, supervised release, or probation. We ask that probation officers reference the updated costs in their presentence reports.

	Imprisonment in a BOP Facility	Community Corrections Centers	Supervision by Probation Officers	Supervision by Pretrial Services Officers	Pretrial Detention Services
Daily	\$74.66	\$67.83	\$10.43	\$6.38	\$67.79
Monthly	\$2,270.93	\$2,063.19	\$317.32	\$194.00	\$2,061.97
Annually	\$27,251.50	\$24,758.22	\$3,807.78	\$2,328.05	\$24,743.62

The Federal Bureau of Prisons provided the costs of imprisonment and community corrections center placement. The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Federal Detention Trustee provided the costs of pretrial detention.

Recent Noteworthy Cases

HEROIN

On June 23, 2010, [CAROLYN REA](#), a/k/a “Carolyn Rose,” age 37, **ROB A. ROSE**, age 39, both of Cave In Rock, Illinois, **MELANIE A. HAAS**, age 23, of Anna, Illinois, and **ANASTACIA N. ST. ARBOR**, age 21, of Carbondale, Illinois, were indicted by a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a one-count superseding indictment charging them with conspiracy to distribute heroin. The violation is alleged to have taken place between December 2008 and May 17, 2010, in Union and Jackson Counties in Illinois.

The offense carries a penalty of five to 40 years’ imprisonment, four years’ supervised release, and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. **ROSE** and **ST. ARBOR** made their initial appearances in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, on June 28, 2010, and were ordered held without bond pending jury trial. **REA** was previously ordered detained. **HAAS** is on bond pending trial. Trial in this case is currently scheduled for August 30, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Union County Sheriff’s Office, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, and Murphysboro Police Department, in cooperation with Union County State’s Attorney Tyler Edmonds, as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, a cooperative effort of local, state, and federal law enforcement, and state and federal prosecuting authorities, aimed at ridding communities of illegal drugs and guns.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On July 19, 2010, [STEVEN D. DAVIS](#), age 34, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. **DAVIS**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment

charging him with conspiracy to distribute heroin, was sentenced to 120 months’ imprisonment, eight years’ supervised release, a \$400 fine, and a \$100 special assessment. The violation took place between June 2009 and August 13, 2009, in Jackson County, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office and Murphysboro Police Department pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. In addition, the Jackson County State’s Attorney’s Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

COCAINE

On June 14, 2010, [WALTER G. SANDERS, JR.](#), age 30, and **ERIC S. MOORE, II**, age 22, both from Centralia, Illinois, were sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

SANDERS was sentenced to 300 months’ imprisonment, ten years’ supervised release, and a \$1,000 fine.

MOORE was sentenced to 120 months’ imprisonment, five years’ supervised release, and a \$600 fine.

SANDERS and **MOORE** had previously pled guilty to multiple counts in a federal indictment. Both defendants pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute, crack cocaine. The amount of crack cocaine involved in the conspiracy was more than 50 grams. In addition, **SANDERS** had pled guilty to three counts and **MOORE** had pled guilty to two counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

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The investigation was conducted by the Centralia Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, Marion County Sheriff's Office, the Marion County State's Attorney's Office, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On June 18, 2010, [TOMMIE LEE HILL-BURCH](#), age 26, of Alton, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **HILL-BURCH** received 84 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, a \$400 fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

HILL-BURCH had previously pled guilty on March 5, 2010, to one count of attempted possession with intent to distribute cocaine base and three counts of distribution of cocaine base.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wood River Police Department, and Alton Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald S. Boyce.

On June 23, 2010, [MARCUS POWELL](#), a/k/a "Butterhead," a/k/a "Butter," age 29, of Pontoon Beach, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **POWELL** was convicted by a jury on May 13, 2010, of two counts of distribution of crack cocaine. **POWELL** was sentenced to a total of 420 months' (35

years') imprisonment, lifetime supervised release, a total fine of \$1,000, and a \$200 special assessment. The court also granted the government's request to recommend that **POWELL** serve his term of imprisonment at the ADX in Florence, Colorado.

The violations occurred on January 17 and January 30, 2008, when **POWELL** sold in excess of five grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. During both controlled buys, **POWELL** cooked the crack cocaine in front of the confidential informant before selling it.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Angela Scott and Kit R. Morrissey.

On June 28, 2010, [VALENCIA K. MATTHEWS](#), age 26, of Centralia, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **MATTHEWS** received 240 months' imprisonment, ten years' supervised release, and a \$400 fine.

MATTHEWS had previously pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, which occurred between August 2008 and September 30, 2009, in Jefferson and Marion Counties in Illinois. **MATTHEWS** also pled guilty to three counts of distribution of crack cocaine in Centralia, Illinois, which occurred on April 8, 2009, and April 14, 2009 (twice).

The investigation was conducted by the Centralia Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson

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County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County State's Attorney's Office, U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Marshals Service, pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On July 9, 2010, [RANDALL INDERMARK](#), age 48, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **INDERMARK** was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a \$600 fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

INDERMARK had previously pled guilty on April 1, 2010, to a federal indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and three counts of distribution of cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Fairmont City Police Department under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian.

On July 12, 2010, [BRYANT MAYBELL, a/k/a "B."](#) age 25, of Carbondale, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **MAYBELL**, who had previously pled guilty to one count of distribution of crack cocaine and one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment, eight years' supervised release, and

a \$1,000 fine. The violations took place on August 6, 2006, and March 2, 2007, in Jackson County in Illinois. **MAYBELL** has pled not guilty to an additional count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and he, along with two co-defendants, is awaiting an August 10, 2010, jury trial, on that count. Five co-defendants have already been sentenced for their involvement in the crack cocaine conspiracy.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, Illinois State Police, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. In addition, the Jackson County State's Attorney's Office assisted throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On July 15, 2010, [DEMPSEY IVERY](#), age 44, of Harvey, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and admitted a forfeiture allegation contained in the superseding indictment.

At his change of plea hearing, **IVERY** admitted to knowingly participating in a conspiracy which involved the transportation of cocaine, primarily from the Chicago area to St. Clair County, Illinois, and the distribution of cocaine in the Southern District of Illinois. The conspiracy also involved the transportation of money, primarily from the Southern District of Illinois to the Chicago area.

Sentencing is currently set for November 10, 2010, at which time **IVERY** faces a sentence of

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ten years to life imprisonment, at least five years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$4,000,000, and faces the forfeiture of cash and other property. **IVERY** has been ordered detained and remains in custody pending sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew R. Simonson.

On July 16, 2010, [WALTER BURSEY](#), age 28, of Madison, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 120 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, a \$625 fine, and a \$110 special assessment.

BURSEY previously pled guilty on April 5, 2010, to an indictment charging possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The violation took place on or about March 12, 2009, in Madison County in Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald S. Boyce.

On July 19, 2010, [JASON M. WALLACE](#), age 31, and **ALPHONSO G. LANG**, age 22, both of Centralia, Illinois, were sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois.

WALLACE was sentenced to 262 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$600 fine.

LANG was sentenced to 135 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$600 fine.

WALLACE and **LANG** had previously pled guilty to multiple counts in a federal superseding indictment. Both defendants pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute, crack cocaine, and two counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Centralia Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Illinois State Police, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Marion County State's Attorney's Office, United States Secret Service, United States Marshals Service, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

DRUGS AND GUNS

On June 17, 2010, [ROMEO SUTTON](#), age 29, of Belleville, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a five-count indictment charging him with three counts of distribution of five or more grams of crack cocaine, possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

SUTTON is scheduled to be sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, on September 29, 2010. **SUTTON** faces a statutory minimum sentence of five years' imprisonment, and a potential maximum sentence of 40 years'

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imprisonment, a fine up to \$2,000,000, and at least four years' supervised release on each of the drug counts. **SUTTON** faces a potential maximum sentence of ten years' imprisonment, a fine up to \$250,000, and at least three years' supervised release on the firearms count.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel T. Kapsak.

On June 25, 2010, [ELREESE JOHNSON](#), age 61, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced to 72 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, a \$500 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

JOHNSON pled guilty on March 19, 2010, in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a two-count indictment charging him with possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine and felon in possession of a firearm.

The investigation was conducted by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel T. Kapsak.

METHAMPHETAMINE

On June 24, 2010, [DUSTIN R. CRAIG](#), age 23, of Wolf Lake, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. **CRAIG**, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to

manufacture methamphetamine, was sentenced to 63 months' imprisonment, four years' supervised release, and a \$200 fine.

The violation took place between December 2005 and May 21, 2009, in Jackson, Williamson, and Franklin Counties in Illinois. One of the co-defendants has already been sentenced for her involvement in the methamphetamine conspiracy. Four co-defendants have pled not guilty and are awaiting an August 16, 2010, jury trial. One co-defendant is currently a fugitive.

The investigation was conducted by the Union County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and Murphysboro Police Department, in cooperation with Union County State's Attorney Tyler Edmonds and Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec, as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On June 24, 2010, [JASON M. KENDRICK](#), age 35, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, entered a guilty plea in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to a one-count superseding indictment, charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The violation took place between February 2007 and November 11, 2009, in Union, Alexander, and St. Clair Counties in Illinois.

KENDRICK faces a potential penalty of 20 years to life imprisonment, ten years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$8,000,000. **KENDRICK** is being held without bond pending a September 23, 2010, sentencing hearing. One co-defendant has previously pled guilty and is also awaiting sentencing.

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The investigation was conducted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Sheriff's Office as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

On July 8, 2010, [MICHAEL V. RUSHING](#), age 38, of Dongola, Illinois, entered a guilty plea in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The violation took place between March 2008 and November 28, 2009, in Union County, Illinois.

RUSHING's offense carries a penalty of ten years to life imprisonment, eight years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. **RUSHING** is being held without bond pending sentencing which is currently scheduled for October 15, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Union County State's Attorney Tyler Edmonds as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods DRAGUN Team Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.

METHAMPHETAMINE AND COCAINE

On July 8, 2010, [JULIO OSEGUERA](#), age 22, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **OSEGUERA** was sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, a \$600 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

OSEGUERA had previously pled guilty on February 23, 2010, to a federal indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine and distribution of methamphetamine and cocaine.

The investigation was conducted the Drug Enforcement Administration and Fairmont City Police Department under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The OCDETF initiative is designed to target, prosecute, and dismantle major national and international drug trafficking organizations through the cooperation and coordination efforts of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian.

MARIJUANA

On June 15, 2010, [RAUL R. TERAN](#), age 26, of Tucson, Arizona, pled guilty to a charge of conspiracy to distribute marijuana. The amount of marijuana involved was in excess of 1,000 kilograms.

At his change-of-plea hearing, **TERAN** admitted that in 2006-2007, he and at least 16 others shipped large quantities of marijuana from Tucson, Arizona, to East St. Louis, Illinois; Lima, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia, and elsewhere for sale.

TERAN faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, five years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$4,000,000, and a \$100 special assessment. He is currently scheduled to be sentenced on September 24, 2010, in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Garrison.

ARMED ROBBERY

On July 8, 2010, [ROBERT LEE PALMER](#), age 25, Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, following a guilty plea entered on January 14, 2010, to a three-count indictment charging him with interference with commerce by robbery (count 1); use of a firearm during a crime of violence (count 2); and theft from a federal firearms licensee (count 3). The violations took place on September 8, 2009, in Madison County, Illinois, and stemmed from **PALMER's** involvement in the armed robbery of the Bel Aire Pawn Shop in Collinsville, in which numerous firearms, including assault rifles, money, and jewelry were stolen. **PALMER** was sentenced to 96 months' imprisonment on each of counts 1 and 3, the sentences to run concurrently, and 84 months' imprisonment on count 2, the sentence to run consecutively to the sentence imposed on counts 1 and 3, for a total term of imprisonment of 180 months or 15 years. **PALMER** was also sentenced to a term of five years' supervised release and was ordered to pay \$19,150.70 restitution.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Deirdre A. Durborow and Kit R. Morrissey.

POSSESSION OF A WEAPON BY A FELON

On June 24, 2010, [FRED JAMES ENGLISH](#), age 27, of Mounds, Illinois, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a \$300 fine, and a \$100 special assessment for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition by a previously convicted felon. The violation took place on January 6, 2010, in Pulaski County, Illinois, after a search of his residence by his parole officer and Deputy U.S. Marshals revealed that he possessed a loaded Waffen-Frankonia .38 Caliber Special revolver; an Izhmash semi-automatic rifle, with a magazine containing 28 live rounds of ammunition; and another magazine loaded with ten live rounds of ammunition. **ENGLISH** has been in custody since his arrest on January 6, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Illinois State Police, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On July 9, 2010, [KELLY MATLOCK](#), age 39, of Edwardsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 37 months' imprisonment and three years' supervised release. **MATLOCK** had previously pled guilty on March 25, 2010, to a single count indictment charging her with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The investigation was conducted by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois pursuant to its participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kelly B. Lake and Nicole E. Gorovsky.

On July 19, 2010, [OSSIE D. FOULKS](#), age 24, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. **FOULKS** was sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment, five years' supervised release, and a \$400 fine.

FOULKS had previously pled guilty to one count in a federal indictment which charged possession of a handgun after having previously been convicted of a felony crime.

The investigation was conducted by the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and other law enforcement agencies pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On July 19, 2010, [SERLE L. THOMAS](#), age 38, of Cairo, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 37 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and a \$100 fine. **THOMAS** had previously pled guilty to one count of possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon.

According to the factual basis accepted by the court at the time of his guilty plea on April 6, 2010, **THOMAS's** car was stopped at 2:00 a.m. on October 24, 2009, in Cairo, Illinois, by a Cairo police officer for a traffic violation. When the officer smelled an alcoholic beverage, he asked **THOMAS** to get out of the car and **THOMAS** told him

that there was a gun under the driver's seat. The gun, a fully loaded Phoenix Arms Model Raven, .25 caliber, semi-automatic handgun, was retrieved by the officer, and **THOMAS** was arrested.

THOMAS remains in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending designation of a facility for service of his sentence by the Bureau of Prisons.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Cairo Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

WEAPONS AND THEFT CONVICTIONS

On June 18, 2010, [DAVID L. DAUSMAN](#), age 36, of Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, following a previously entered guilty plea to a three-count indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm, illegal possession of stolen ammunition, and theft of government property. The violations took place in Madison County, Illinois. **DAUSMAN** was sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and a \$250 special assessment.

Court documents establish that **DAUSMAN** was formerly employed as an Immigration Enforcement Agent with the Department of Homeland Security. He was suspended from this job in March 2008 and resigned in September 2008. In September 2009, the Madison County Sheriff's Department began an investigation of **DAUSMAN** after receiving information that he was falsely representing himself to be a police officer and that he was in possession of a firearm.

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On September 14, 2009, a search warrant was executed at **DAUSMAN'S** Collinsville residence. Items seized included multiple firearms, a sealed box containing one case of 1,000 rounds of .40 caliber federal ammunition belonging to the Department of Homeland Security, and a handheld radio also belonging to the Department of Homeland Security.

The investigation was conducted by the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Department of Homeland Security.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kit R. Morrissey.

FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED

On July 8, 2010, [HEATHER A. STOWERS](#), a/k/a Heather A. Winder, age 34, of Tamaroa, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to three years' probation for stealing and wrongfully removing with the intent to convert to her own use the contents of mail packages which came into her possession for the purpose of being delivered by her as an employee of the Postal Service. **STOWERS** was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$401.80, a \$100 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

According to information provided in open court, **STOWERS** began her employment as a letter carrier for the Postal Service on April 12, 2008, and was in charge of delivering mail to Postal Service customers residing in DuQuoin and Tamaroa, Illinois. Postal Service Inspectors began their investigation after receiving complaints from customers on her route that they had not received packages which had been mailed to

them between April and August 2009. In an interview with inspectors, **STOWERS** admitted that she had removed various items from the mail and had not delivered the packages.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On June 8, 2010, [DANIEL J. WILT](#), age 47, of Benton, Illinois, was named in a one-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Benton, Illinois, charging him with possession of child pornography that had been mailed, shipped or transported in interstate commerce by any means, including by computer.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Secret Service Cyber Crimes Task Force, Benton Police Department, and Franklin County Sheriff's Office as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative, in which the United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation or local police department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On June 14, 2010, [DAVID ALAN DONALDSON](#), age 47, of Johnston City, Illinois, was sen-

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tenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois. **DONALDSON** received 120 months' imprisonment, 15 years' supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution.

DONALDSON had previously pled guilty to a one-count federal indictment charging him with possession of child pornography that has been mailed or shipped or transported in interstate commerce.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a number of state and local law enforcement agencies as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On June 14, 2010, **MYLES D. ALLALI**, age 24, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. Court in Benton, Illinois, to 60 months' imprisonment, 15 years' supervised release, and a \$700 fine.

ALLALI had previously pled guilty to a two-count federal indictment charging him with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Southern Illinois Cyber Crimes Task Force, the Illinois Attorney General's Office Crimes Against Children Task Force, and a number of state and local law enforcement agencies, as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

On June 23, 2010, **THOMAS E. LOWERY**, age 68, of East Alton, Illinois, pled guilty to a three-count indictment charging possession of child pornography (count 1), receipt of child pornography (count 2), and possession of obscene materials (count 3). There is also a forfeiture allegation.

A federal search warrant was obtained for the defendant's residence after three separate Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) undercover investigations from August 19, 2008, through November 24, 2008, revealed that the defendant was offering to share files containing images of child pornography through Limewire. The search warrant was executed on April 22, 2009. Among the objects seized from the defendant's home was a Western Digital hard drive. A forensic review of the hard drive revealed that it contained approximately 4,200 images and 150 video files containing images of child pornography, many of which contained images of children who had not yet reached the age of 12. The hard drive also contained approximately 230 images of bestiality involving both adults and children. Finally, a review of the hard drive revealed that there were approximately 1,352 files containing child pornography in the defendant's shared folder which had been used with file sharing programs such as Limewire.

In a voluntary statement, **LOWERY** admitted possession of the images and video files found on his hard drive. He stated that he had been downloading child pornography since he began using Limewire approximately 18 months prior to the interview. **LOWERY** advised that he preferred children from three years old to the mid-teen years. He also advised that there were two folders containing images of bestiality. Finally, **LOWERY** stated that all of his child pornography had been downloaded using Limewire.

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Count 1 carries with it a penalty of not more than ten years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to lifetime supervised release. Count 2 carries with it a penalty of five to 20 years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to lifetime supervised release. Count 3 carries with it a penalty of not more than five years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to three years' supervised release. Sentencing is scheduled for September 17, 2010, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Task Force as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.

On July 2, 2010, [LARRY A. BECHEL](#), age 63, of Wood River, Illinois, pled guilty to a three-count superseding indictment charging him with sexual exploitation of a minor (count 1), transportation of child pornography (count 2), and possession of child pornography (count 3).

According to court documents, the violations occurred between February 9, 2004, and March 7, 2004, when **BECHEL** traveled to Canada to have sexual intercourse with a minor who lived in Canada. **BECHEL** employed, used, persuaded, induced and/or enticed the minor to engage in sexual conduct in Canada with the intent to take photographs of this sexually explicit conduct. Twenty-two of the photographs of the minor depicted the minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. **BECHEL** then transported the photographs from Canada to his residence in Wood River, Illinois, in the United States, on a memory card installed inside the digital camera he used to

take the photographs of the minor engaged in the sexually explicit conduct.

When **BECHEL** returned to his residence, he downloaded the photographs, including the 22 visual depictions of the minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, from his memory card to his computer. He later used his computer to make a CD of the images. **BECHEL** possessed the CD containing the pornographic images from on or about March 8, 2004, until the CD was recovered during a search of his house on July 28, 2006.

In a voluntary statement to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, **BECHEL** admitted meeting the minor, who he knew was 15 years old at the time, on the internet. **BECHEL** stated that he was interested in an intimate relationship with the minor and therefore traveled to Canada on two separate occasions with the intent to have sexual intercourse with the minor. **BECHEL** stated that on the second trip he rented a hotel room for him and the minor in Vancouver, Canada. He said that while in the hotel room, he had sexual intercourse with the minor and also took nude photographs of her on her sixteenth birthday. **BECHEL** admitted taking the pictures using a digital camera with a memory card inserted into the camera, and that he transported both the camera and the memory card containing the nude photographs from Canada to the United States.

BECHEL also admitted downloading the images from his memory card to his computer, and then creating a CD containing, among other images, the images of the minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Finally, **BECHEL** admitted destroying the hard drive of the computer he used to create the CD because he knew the pornographic photographs of the minor were on the hard drive, and he did not want to get in trouble for having the images.

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Count 1 carries with it a penalty of 15 to 30 years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to lifetime supervised release. Count 2 carries with it a penalty of five to 20 years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to lifetime supervised release. Count 3 carries with it a penalty of up to ten years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to lifetime supervised release. Sentencing is currently scheduled for October 8, 2010, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Wood River Police Department, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Vancouver Police Department, and Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Angela Scott and Stephen B. Clark.

On July 16, 2010, [KEVIN T. DUNIGAN](#), age 54, of Cahokia, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **DUNIGAN** had pled guilty on April 12, 2010, to a two-count indictment charging him with knowingly receiving child pornography and knowingly possessing child pornography. The violation took place throughout 2009 in Cahokia, Illinois. **DUNIGAN** was sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment, ten years' supervised release, restitution in the amount of \$576, and a \$200 special assessment.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Cahokia Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Cybercrimes Task Force as part of the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicole E. Gorovsky.

EXTORTION AND LYING TO FEDERAL AGENTS

On June 16, 2010, [WALTER DONTEZ HILL](#), age 32, of Belleville, Illinois, pled guilty to extortion under color of official right and making false statements to federal investigators. The extortion offense carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000, and mandatory restitution. The false statement count carries a potential penalty of five years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentencing has been scheduled for September 28, 2010, in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

HILL was convicted for using his official position as the deputy liquor commissioner for the city of East St. Louis to solicit and obtain money and property not due him or his office from liquor license holders in East St. Louis that included cash, liquor, and requests for sexual favors. According to information made public at the plea hearing, **HILL** also made false statements to

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agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service pertaining to whether he ever accepted money from businesses that he regulated and whether he ever used another individual to make collections from a liquor store manager in East St. Louis who he was extorting.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman R. Smith and Steven D. Weinhoeft.

If you know of any evidence of public corruption, please contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation at (877) U-TIP-OFF.

MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS

On June 23, 2010, [JOY ANN THOMPSON](#), age 42, of Chester, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to a federal criminal information charging one count of making false statements to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

THOMPSON is currently scheduled to be sentenced on July 7, 2010. **THOMPSON** faces a possible sentence of up to five years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Social Security Administration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deirdre A. Durborow.

On July 16, 2010, [JOY ANN THOMPSON](#), age 42, of Chester, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 21 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a \$500 special assessment, and restitution of \$27,836.86. The defendant cannot apply for any aid without first notifying probation.

THOMPSON pled guilty on February 25, 2010, to four counts of an indictment charging her with making false statements to the Social Security Administration. While on bond, **THOMPSON** was again charged by information with one count of false statement to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to which she pled guilty on June 23, 2010.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Social Security Administration.

The cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deirdre A. Durborow.

WORKERS' COMP INSURANCE SCHEME

On June 30, 2010, [TARA S. PRINCE](#), age 36, of DuQuoin, Illinois, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to 21 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$702,850.06 in restitution. **PRINCE** had previously entered a guilty plea to one count of mail fraud for her role in an insurance fraud conspiracy.

PRINCE was the president and co-operator of LT Consulting, Inc., a now-defunct employee leasing company operating in DuQuoin, Illinois. Employee leasing companies are businesses that contractually assume responsibility for the human resource related functions for small businesses, including: interviewing and hiring assistance, payroll management, administration of

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employee benefit programs, and administration of federal and state workplace regulations.

PRINCE pled guilty to misappropriating client funds that were collected to pay workers' compensation insurance premiums and to fraudulently reducing the workers' compensation insurance premiums charged by LT Consulting, Inc.'s insurers. Evidence introduced at the sentencing hearing established that **PRINCE** participated in misappropriating client funds that were collected for the payment of insurance premiums and that she converted those funds for her own personal use. Evidence also established that **PRINCE** participated in supplying forged documents and making false statements to three insurance companies for the purpose of fraudulently reducing the workers' compensation insurance premiums owed by LT Consulting, Inc.

The investigation also led to the convictions of two co-conspirators who were previously sentenced.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Insurance Crime Bureau.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Steven D. Weinhoeft and Michael J. Quinley.

WIRE AND MAIL FRAUD

On June 23, 2010, [TIMOTHY P. KEBEL](#), age 33, of O'Fallon, Illinois, was indicted for wire fraud and mail fraud by a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois. The indictment also seeks to forfeit the computers used to commit the offenses.

The crimes of wire and mail fraud each carry a maximum possible penalty of 20 years' imprisonment, up to three years' supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000, and mandatory restitution.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. Weinhoeft.

On June 23, 2010, [ROBERT MARK KOCH](#), age 39, of Highland, Illinois, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to two counts of mail fraud and one count of wire fraud.

According to public court documents and information revealed in open court, the violations occurred between February 2006 and September 2006, when **KOCH**, who was doing business as Elite Building and Development, knowingly and willfully devised and intended to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and obtain money by means of materially false and fraudulent representations and promises. To obtain money from customers, **KOCH** entered into contractual agreements which falsely promised customers that he would perform construction services necessary to erect steel buildings. **KOCH** entered into such contracts, even though he had no intention to perform the work, in order to misappropriate customers' money for his own personal use. After receiving advanced down payments for the construction projects, **KOCH** repeatedly failed to perform the services promised in the contracts and continued to mislead customers with additional false claims of preparation and performance.

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Each count of wire fraud and mail fraud carries a possible penalty of up to 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, or both, and up to three years' supervised release. Sentencing is currently scheduled for September 17, 2010, in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael J. Quinley and William E. Coonan.

PUBLIC AID AND MORTGAGE FRAUD

On July 21, 2010, [SHAMIKA M. COLEMAN](#), age 33, of Swansea, Illinois, was indicted for making a false statement during a renewal application for federal food stamp benefits, making a false statement during a renewal for federal housing benefits, and making a false statement on a loan or credit application, by a federal grand jury in East St. Louis, Illinois.

The indictment alleges that **COLEMAN** under reported her income and bank deposits when providing her truthful income and asset amounts would have made her ineligible for public assistance. The indictment alleges that by under reporting her income, **COLEMAN** received federal food stamp benefits and federal housing benefits for which she was ineligible. The indictment further alleges that **COLEMAN** provided a federally insured bank with a fraudulently created federal income tax return for the purpose of obtaining a mortgage loan for the purchase of a newly constructed home.

The crimes of making a false statement on an application for federal food stamp benefits and federal housing benefits each carry a maxi-

mum possible penalty of five years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and up to three years' supervised release. The crime of making a false statement on a loan or credit application is punishable by up to 30 years' imprisonment, or a \$1,000,000 fine, or both, and up to five years' supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of the Inspector General and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Office of the Inspector General.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. Weinhoeft.

ILLEGAL REENTRY

On June 24, 2010, [GERARDO CRUZ-DEL VILLAR](#), age 28, of Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico, pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in Benton, Illinois, to a one-count indictment charging him with illegal reentry into the United States after having been removed. The violation took place on April 20, 2010, in Effingham County, Illinois.

According to the indictment and the factual basis submitted to the court at the time of the plea, **CRUZ-DEL VILLAR** had previously been removed from the United States pursuant to law on July 23, 2010, through Miami, Florida. **CRUZ-DEL VILLAR** was found in the United States by a sheriff's deputy from Effingham County on April 20, 2010, after the vehicle he was driving was pulled over on Interstate 70 for following another car too closely. **CRUZ-DEL VILLAR** admitted that he had reentered the United States without having first obtained the consent of the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary for Homeland Security to apply for readmission to

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the United States.

CRUZ-DEL VILLAR faces a potential sentence of not more than 20 years' imprisonment, one year supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and deportation. His sentencing is currently scheduled for September 23, 2010.

This investigation was conducted by the Effingham County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Carr.

On July 16, 2010, **JUAN ANGELO TORRES-TORRES**, age 26, of Santiago, Chile, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to eight months' imprisonment. **TORRES-TORRES** will be deported after serving his term of imprisonment. The sentence followed his guilty plea on April 2, 2010, to an indictment charging him with illegal reentry by a convicted felon. The violation took place on November 4, 2009, in Madison County, Illinois.

According to the indictment and other court documents, **TORRES-TORRES** had previously been removed from the United States on December 12, 2008, and had unlawfully reentered the United States thereafter.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kelly B. Lake and Suzanne M. Garrison.

TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL ALIENS

On July 9, 2010, **GABRIELA MALDONADO**, age 39, of Conroe, Texas, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois, to 16 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, and a \$700 special assessment. **MALDONADO** had pled guilty on March 31, 2010, to seven counts of transportation of an illegal alien for financial gain. **MALDONADO** also abandoned her claim to \$3,008 cash that was seized at the time of her arrest. The violations took place on September 15, 2009, in Madison County, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Illinois State Police and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Suzanne M. Garrison and Michael J. Quinley.

July 1

Iraq: Car bomb attack kills more than 60 in Baghdad market. (2006)

China: Founding of the Communist Party (1921)

Argentina: Death of Juan Peron and upon his death, his wife, Isabel Peron assumes the Presidency. (1974)

Spain: Abu Nidal terrorists bomb British Airways offices injuring 27. The bombings apparently were in retaliation against President Reagan's threat the previous day to strike against terrorism. (1985)

July 2

Vietnam: The unification between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and North Vietnam. (1976)

July 3

United States: U.S. Navy guided missile cruiser U.S.S. Vincennes was fighting gunboats in the Straits of Hormuz, Persian Gulf, when it mistook an Iranian civilian jetliner for an attacking Iranian F14 fighter plane. The U.S. Navy cruiser fired an AEGIS missile at Iran Airbus Flight 655 killing all 290 passengers and crew. Reportedly, the Navy cruiser was engaged in a surface action battle with Iranian boats when the event occurred. (1988)

July 4

United States: Independence Day

Philippines: Independence Day (1946)

India: Al-Faran guerrillas kidnap two United Kingdom citizens and two U.S. citizens in Kashmir. (1995)

Uganda: Israelis raid Entebbe, rescuing 246 hijacked hostages. During the operation, two hostages and one hijacker were killed. Operation Entebbe was a hostage-rescue mission carried out by the Israel Defense Forces at Entebbe Airport in Uganda. A week earlier, on June 27, an Air France plane with 300 passengers was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists and flown to Entebbe, near Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Shortly after landing, all non-Jewish passengers were released. (1976)

July 5

Sri Lanka: Government invokes tough terrorism laws to combat terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). (2001)

Algeria: Independence Day

Australia: Unknown terrorists detonate a bomb at Union Carbide. (1983)

Bolivia: Terrorist group Tupac Katari Guerrilla Army surfaces. (1991)

July 6

Iraq: Ansar al-Sunna suicide car bombs in Khalis kills 14, wounds 37. (2004)

Afghanistan: Vice President Haji Abdul Qadir assassinated by unknown gunman. (2002)

July 7

England: Anniversary of London Tube (subway) bombings. Four near-simultaneous bombs on London transportation system, followed by another bombing less than an hour later, kills more than 50, wounds over 700; al-Qaeda later claims responsibility. (2005)

Algeria: Armed Islamic Group (GIA) leader in Algiers, Khalifi Athmane, among 11 rebels killed by government. (1998)

July 8

India: Al-Faran guerrillas kidnap Norwegian H.C. Ostroe and German Dirk Hasert in Kashmir. (1995)

July 9

Philippines: One soldier killed and six wounded in clash with Abu Sayyaf group guerrillas. (2002)

July 10

Israel: Palestinian Mahmud Nadi, driver for the Tel Aviv disco bomber, charged with murder. (2001)

Spain: Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) car bomb attack kills one and wounds 12 in Madrid. Euskadi Ta Askatasuna or ETA is an armed Basque nationalist and separatist organization. The group was founded in 1959 and has since evolved from a group promoting traditional Basque culture to a paramilitary group with the goal of gaining independence for the Greater Basque Country from a Marxist-Leninist perspective. ETA's motto is Bietan jarrai ("Keep up on both"), referring to the two figures in its symbol, a snake (representing politics) wrapped around an axe (representing armed struggle). (2001)

July 11

India: Synchronized blasts on the Mumbai rail system kill 200 and wound 900; Liberation Tigers believed responsible. (2006)

Greece: Attack on island ferry kills nine and wounds 98; terrorist group ANO responsible. (1988)

July 12

Spain: ETA car bomb wounds ten in Madrid's Callao Plaza. (2000)

July 13

United States: Birthday of Nathan Bedford Forrest, founder of the Ku Klux Klan. (1821)

United States: The Bite Back Website posted a communiqué dated July 10 from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in which the group claimed responsibility for vandalizing the home of an unnamed individual who was described as a University of California at Irvine (UCI) vivisector. (2009)

India: Muslim militants storm Kashmir paramilitary camp; four killed and 12 kidnapped. (1999)

Japan: Hiroshi Igarashi, Japanese translator of The Satanic Verses, assassinated by unknown gunman. (1991)

July 14

France: Bastille Day

Iraq: Revolution Day

Iraq: Car bomb attack near Iraqi interim government headquarters and British Embassy in Baghdad kills ten and wounds 40. (2004)

July 16

Ireland: Irish Republican Army (IRA) issues unprecedented apology for all previous casualties. (2002)

Japan: Two Aum Shinrikyo members sentenced to death for sarin gas attack. Aum Shinrikyo (currently known as Aleph) is a Japanese religious movement. The group was founded by Shoko Asahara in 1984. The group gained international notoriety in 1995, when it carried out the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway. (2000)

July 17

Greece: Police arrest Alexandros Giotopoulos, leader and founder of the terrorist group known as 17 November. (2002)

July 18

Argentina: Buenos Aires Jewish Community Center bombed killing nearly 100; Hezbollah responsible. (1994)

July 19

Iraq: Terrorists drive a fuel tanker into a Baghdad police station killing nine and wounding 60. (2004)

Laos: Independence Day (1949)

July 20

Colombia: Independence Day

Vietnam: Signing of the Geneva Accords marked the end of the eight-year war with France and French colonial rule in Indochina. (1954)

July 21

England: No injuries reported as another four bombs explode in London transportation system. (2005)

Spain: Government releases two former Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA) leaders in hope of ending years of killing in Basque country. (1999)

July 22

Iraq: Uday and Qusay Husayn are killed in raid on residence in Mosul. (2003)

Israel: HAMAS leader and 14 Palestinians killed in Israeli airstrike. (2002)

July 23

India: Bicycle bomb kills five soldiers and two civilians; Kashmir militants suspected. (2001)

July 24

Sri Lanka: Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attack on international airport and adjoining air force base kills 18, wounds 12, and damages 24 aircraft. (2001)

United States: The Animal Liberation Press Office posted a communiqué from the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) in which the group claimed to have vandalized the office of Phenomenex on July 18 for providing restraints to Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). The communiqué claimed that HLS uses the restraints to hold animals still while pumping poisons into them. The communiqué ended with a statement, "This action was carried out as a call for the underground to immediately FIND a local HLS collaborator and pay them a visit NOW—anyone from Staples to Novartis and GSK, let them know their bloody ties to HLS are not forgotten." (2009)

July 25

France: Air France Concorde crashes on takeoff killing 114 people. (2000)

France: Terrorists carry out bomb attack on Saint Michel Metro station killing seven and injuring 120. (1995)

July 26

United States: Anniversary of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In 1908, Attorney General Charles Bonaparte ordered nine newly hired detectives, 13 civil rights investigators, and 12 accountants to report to his Chief Examiner, Stanley Finch, for investigative assignments in things like antitrust, peonage, and land fraud. That small group of 34 investigators has grown into a cadre of over 27,000 employees with a mission "to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to federal, state, municipal, and international agencies and partners."

United States: President Bush signs five-year sanctions extension against Iran and Libya. (2001)

July 27

Spain: Bomb outside of a Barcelona bank wounds three; Anti-Fascist Resistance Group suspected. (2001)

United States: A bomb explodes in Centenary Park in Atlanta, Georgia, during the Olympic Games killing two people and injuring 110 others. (1996)

July 28

Iraq: Al-Zarqawi group bombings in Baquba kill 70 and wound 56. (2004)

Peru: Independence Day

July 30

Spain: Former ETA leader Francisco Garmendia and Lieutenant Jose Erostrabe sentenced to 1,000 years each. (2001)

Israel: Double suicide attack kills 16 and wounds 150 in Jerusalem; HAMAS responsible. (1997)

July 31

Israel: Seven students, including five U.S. citizens, killed by bomb at Hebrew University; HAMAS claims responsibility and apologizes for American deaths. (2002)

Islamic: Laylat al-Miraj (Ascent of the Prophet to Heaven)